

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MONTANA
BILLINGS DIVISION

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Clerk, U S District Court
District Of Montana
Billings

LESLIE ERNST,

Plaintiff,

vs.

JAMES SALMONSON,

Defendants.

CV 18-61-BLG-SPW

ORDER ADOPTING
MAGISTRATE'S FINDINGS
AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The United States Magistrate Judge filed Findings and Recommendations on May 4, 2018. (Doc. 5). The Magistrate recommended the Court dismiss Leslie Ernst's petition for a writ of habeas corpus without prejudice. (Doc. 5 at 6).

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1), parties are required to file written objections within 14 days of the filing of the Magistrate's Findings and Recommendation. No objections were filed. When neither party objects, this Court reviews the Magistrate's Findings and Recommendation for clear error. *McDonnell Douglas Corp. v. Commodore Bus. Mach., Inc.*, 656 F.2d 1309, 1313 (9th Cir. 1981). Clear error exists if the Court is left with a "definite and firm conviction that a mistake has been committed." *United States v. Syrax*, 235 F.3d 422, 427 (9th Cir. 2000). After reviewing the Findings and Recommendation, this Court does not find that the Magistrate committed clear error.


IT IS ORDERED that the proposed Findings and Recommendations entered by the United States Magistrate Judge (Doc. 5) are ADOPTED IN FULL.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Ernst's petition is dismissed without prejudice because it was improperly filed. If, at some later date, Ernst properly files a new petition for habeas corpus it shall be considered his first petition.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a certificate of appealability is denied. The clerk shall immediately process the appeal if Ernst files a Notice of Appeal.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the clerk shall close the civil file by entering a judgment of dismissal. Unless this matter is remanded by the Court of Appeals, it is closed. The Court will not entertain any request for reconsideration of the en masse petition.

DATED this 23rd day of August, 2018.


SUSAN P. WATTERS
United States District Judge